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SUBJ: WORKING VISIT TO MUSEUMS BY BURNS AND FAY

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1. EMBASSY UNABLE REACH DR. ZEMSKIY APRIL 22, BECAUSE OF LENIN BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION, BUT CONVEYED MESSAGE (REF A) TO KUVSHINNIKOV OF HYDROMET. KUVSHINNIKOV INDICATED THAT ZEMSKIY WAS PREPARED TO RECEIVE BURNS AND FAY IN JUNE, BUT THAT ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF VISIT, I.E., ARRANGING FOR HOTEL AND TRAVEL RESERVATIONS HAD NOT BEEN WORKED OUT.

2. KUVSHINNIKOV SUGGESTED THAT BURNS AND FAY COULD ARRANGE THEIR VISIT THROUGH INTOURIST, SINCE THEY ARE GOING TO PAY THEIR OWN WAY. EMBOFF NOTED THAT VISIT WOULD BE UNDER AGREEMENT AND THAT SOVIET SIDE IS NORMALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS, RATHER THAN INTOURIST. KUVSHINNIKOV THEN SAID THAT ZEMSKIY MIGHT BE ABLE TO HANDLE PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT AND THAT THE SCIENTIFIC PART OF THE PROGRAM HAS ALREADY BEEN WORKED OUT. KUVSHINNIKOV PROMISED TO MEET WITH EMBOFF APRIL 24 TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT.

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3. IT IS NOT CLEAR TO EMBASSY WHETHER DR. FAY PLANS

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TO DEPART THE US FOR THE USSR ON APRIL 23, OR WHETHER
HE IS PLANNING TO TRAVEL ELSEWHERE AND THEN ENTER THE
USSR AROUND JUNE 1 WITH DR. BURNS AS INDICATED IN REF C.
EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION ON THIS POINT.
IF DR. FAY WILL BE ABROAD BETWEEN NOW AND JUNE, HYDROMET
COULD ARRANGE FOR HIM TO RECEIVE SOVIET VISA AT SOME
POINT ON HIS ITINERARY ONCE HIS PLANS ARE KNOWN. IF,
HOWEVER, DR. FAY IS PLANNING TO DEPART FOR THE USSR
APRIL 23, HIS SOVIET HOSTS ARE APPARENTLY UNAWARE OF
THIS AND ARE NOT YET PREPARED TO ISSUE INVITATION TO
COME AT THIS EARLY DATE. PLEASE ADVISE.
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